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Dear partners in service,

The Rotary year 2016-17 was a significant year in the history of WinS.

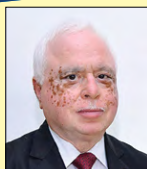
Hundreds of clubs, spread over all rotary districts in India, planned and executed excellent WinS projects during this Rotary year!

I take this opportunity to congratulate each and every Rotarian at the club and district level, for your dedication to WinS!

TRF has received a total of 45 WinS community assessment applications for WinS competitive grants, which was open to clubs/ districts in India, Kenya, Guatemala, Belize and Honduras.

It is indeed heartening to note that 25 out of these 45 applications are from India, which is an index of the extra ordinary interest for WinS in our country!

Please keep up this enthusiasm and continue the great work in 2017-18.



PRID Sushil Gupta

Trustee, The Rotary Foundation,
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Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I am pleased to note that Rotary India WASH in Schools (WinS) is coming up with the eighth issue of WinS Newsletter.

Our theme for Rotary year 2017-18 is "Rotary – Making a Difference". Let's make a difference by adopting more schools under this program, change from one star level to two star level and progress towards our ultimate goal of bringing behavioral change in the society through these school students who will be our "Agents of Change".

On Competitive Grants I am pleased to share that total 46 applications have been received from the five pilot countries (Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, India, and Kenya) and process is already on to select the final applicants.

I convey my best wishes to all the WASH in Schools team to have more and more success in the Rotary Year 2017-2018.

Basker Chockalingam

RI Director 2017-19



The WASH in Schools program is giving lots of input to Rotary clubs and motivated Rotarians to feel the importance of providing safe drinking water, better sanitation, teacher training, and hygiene education in schools.

Undertaking WinS project by Rotary results in the improvement of the health and education of children by creating a cycle of opportunities such as improved education, increased school attendance, and improved academic performance. Rotary has already set a three star recognition levels and set bench marks in WinS. Though this program will run till 2020 on experimental basis in selected five countries including India by UNICEF, I am sure Rotary India will make the real mark in the quality of basic education, water and sanitation. Hand washing in group introduced by Rotary in schools before meals will improve the practice of hygiene in the desired levels among the students.

I am happy that the WinS Newsletter is propagating to improve the quality of clean water, sanitation and hygiene more and create awareness. Let us show the community Rotary: Making a Difference.



PDG Ramesh Aggarwal

Member Secretary, Rotary India WinS

It is a matter of great satisfaction that the WASH in Schools Target Challenge has received an unprecedented response from the Rotary clubs in India. Today our clubs are engaged in WinS activities in over 15,000 schools in India. Out of 46 proposals received for phase one of the Competitive Grants scheme launched by TRF, 25 proposals are from India which echoes the huge momentum for WASH in Schools amongst Rotarians.

You will be happy to know that The Rotary Foundation, during 2017, awarded Global Grants in Water and Sanitation area of focus for USD 22,170,634 (INR 142 Crores) out of the total grant award of USD 1,62,198,486 (INR 1053 Crores) in all areas of focus. This means that 13.67% of the Global Grants approved in 2017 are in the Water and Sanitation area of focus. In India alone 38 Global Grants were approved during 2016-17 for WASH in Schools projects with total value of USD 27,35,829 (INR 17.50 Crores). This clearly indicates that engaging in WASH related projects is fast emerging as the top most priority in Rotary across the world.

After our focused ground work on WinS over the last two years, our partnership with Government of India and State Governments has grown stronger. After our historic tie up with National Mission for Clean Ganga, Govt. of India for implementing WinS in over 500 schools located on the Ganga basin, Rotary District 3052 (Now 3054) signed a MoU with Government of Rajasthan, in May 2017 for undertaking WinS in 450 government schools in Rajasthan.

On the invitation of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India, Rotary India WinS is participating in Swachhta Pakhwada being observed in 1.45 million schools across India from 1st to 15th September, 2017. We urge every club in India to undertake Swachhta activities in atleast five different schools during the Swachhta Pakhwada and engage young minds in Swachh Bharat Mission.

Although so much of progress has been made on WinS during the outgoing Rotary year but getting the progress reports of WinS projects & activities from the districts continue to be a great challenge. May we request the District WinS Coordinators to share the reports with the National Committee without any further delay in the prescribed format shared with the Districts, so that the same is shared with UNICEF and MHRD, Govt. of India.

Rotary District 3052 signs MoU with Govt. of Rajasthan for WinS

In a historic move, Rotary International District 3052 (now a part of Rotary International District 3054) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Elementary School Education Department of the Government of Rajasthan to implement WASH in Schools program in 550 government schools in three districts of Rajasthan namely Jaipur District - 450 schools, Sikar District - 50 schools and Ajmer District - 50 schools. These schools have been shortlisted after a detailed survey carried out by Rotary clubs in these regions. The MoU was signed on 5th June, 2017 in the august presence of Hon'ble Minister of Education, Rajasthan, Shri Bhagwan Devnani and Shri Joga Ram, IAS, Commissioner, Rajasthan Council of Elementary Education on behalf of Government of Rajasthan and PDG Ratnesh Kashyap District WinS Coordinator on behalf of Rotary District 3052.

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Rotary District 3052 signs MoU with Govt. of Rajasthan for WinS



As per the terms of the MoU, Rotary clubs in the District will build gender segregated toilet blocks and/or repair the existing sanitation facilities, install free standing stainless steel group handwashing stations, provide safe drinking water solutions and menstrual hygiene management facilities and education wherever required as part of the WASH in Schools infrastructural improvements. Rotary will impart training to various stakeholders of the program including teachers, school management committees, children, parents, gram panchayats, government officials on various aspects of WASH in Schools to enhance their skills, knowledge and attitude about the program. The program also includes carrying out behavioral change communication activities and programs to ensure that children in schools are sensitized on healthy hygiene habits and empowered through a child cabinet which will be established in every school. The child cabinets will be trained to take over the management of WASH facilities including their operation and maintenance in schools.

On this occasion Hon'ble Minister Shri Bhagwan Devnani thanked Rotary for joining hands with the State Education Department to support the cause of water, sanitation and hygiene in government schools in Rajasthan. Speaking highly about Rotary, he mentioned that Rotary is a powerful non-profit organization and has played an unprecedented role in the eradication of polio from India and has made untiring efforts in eradicating polio from other countries as well. He expressed hope that Rotary will prove to be a great partner and leave no stone unturned to achieve the shared goals of the partnership.

Shri Joga Ram offered all possible assistance to Rotary from his department to ensure that Rotary gets full cooperation from the respective district authorities in the smooth execution of the partnership and assured that his department will send a circular to all the concerned departments and officials in this regard.

Shri Girish Bhardwaj, Hygiene Officer, School Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Education (SWSHE) Cell, Government of Rajasthan and Rushabh Hemani, WASH Specialist at UNICEF Rajasthan played a pivotal role in making this partnership possible.

Update on WASH in Schools Competitive Grant Applications

Earlier this year, The Rotary Foundation invited participants of the Target Challenge Pilot program to apply for a WASH in Schools Competitive Grant, a special granting opportunity only for Rotary clubs/districts located in one of five focal countries: Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, India, and Kenya.

The deadline for the submitting the proposals under Phase-I was 30th June, 2017. In an unprecedented response to the invitation, The Rotary Foundation received 46 applications, of which 25 are from India.

Here is the breakdown of the applications:

No. of applications from pilot countries					
India	Kenya	Guatemala	Belize	Honduras	Total
25	11	4	1	5	46

As per the terms of Competitive Grants, 10-12 community assessment proposals will be selected for funding of up to 10,000 USD. Participating Clubs and districts will be notified of the outcome of their applications in August 2017 by TRF, after applications are reviewed by the WinS Target Challenge Steering Committee.

The awardees of the first phase will have three months to implement their proposed community assessments. They must then submit a complete project proposal, working with an international partner, for a total budget of 150,000 - 500,000 USD in the second phase. Only 3-5 project proposals will be selected and awarded funds for their project proposal.

Kudos to the great efforts of The Rotary Foundation Team, comprising of Erica Gwynn (Area of Focus Manager, Water and Sanitation and WinS Target Challenge Co-manager), Mary Jo Jean-Francois (Area of Focus Manager, Basic Education and Literacy, and WinS Target Challenge Co-manager), Isalia Ramirez (WASH in Schools Specialist, Wins Target Challenge), and Nida Hasan (Program Officer, WASH in Schools Target Challenge, RISAO, New Delhi) for this unexpected response from the participating club and districts.



Global Handwashing Day

Global Handwashing Day is an annual global advocacy day dedicated to increasing awareness and understanding about the importance of handwashing with soap as an easy, effective, and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives. Celebrated annually on October 15, Global Handwashing Day was founded by the Global Public-Private Partnership for Handwashing, and is an opportunity to design, test, and replicate creative ways to encourage people to wash their hands with soap at critical times.

The first Global Handwashing Day was held in 2008, when over 120 million children around the world washed their hands with soap in more than 70 countries. Since 2008, community and national leaders have used Global Handwashing Day to spread the word about handwashing, build sinks and tippy taps, and demonstrate the simplicity and value of clean hands. Each year, over 200 million people are involved in celebrations in over 100 countries around the world.

Global Handwashing Day is endorsed by a wide array of governments, international institutions, civil society organizations, NGOs, private companies, and individuals.



DISTRICTS IN ACTION

DISTRICT 3011



Inauguration of toilet block at MCD School, Tigri by Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi, Hon'ble Member of Parliament by Rotary Club of Delhi Garden City.

DISTRICT 3030



Inauguration of WinS Project at Rani Rajkuvar Primary School in Chandrapur, Maharashtra by Rotary Club of Chandrapur.

DISTRICT 3051



Inauguration of group handwashing unit by Rotary Club of Visnagar at Pudgam Primary School.

DISTRICT 3054



Inauguration of toilet block in Govt. Secondary School at Haathi Babu Ka Bagh in Jaipur constructed by Rotary Club of Jaipur Round Town.

DISTRICT 3070



Inauguration of group handwashing station on 30th May 2017 at Govt. Girls Sr. Sec. School, Basti Sheikh, Jalandhar sponsored by Rotary Club of Jalandhar.

DISTRICT 3202



Stainless steel group handwashing station with 12 taps at Government Higher Secondary School in Arasur near Tiruppur sponsored by Rotary Club of Somanur.

DISTRICT 3211



WinS Project by Rotary Club of Haripad in a Government School involving construction of a toilet for girls, group handwashing station and an electric incinerator.

DISTRICT 3212



Inauguration of group handwashing station installed by Rotary Club of Nagercoil on 21st June 2017 at Government School, Thazhakudi, Kanyakumari Revenue District, Tamil Nadu by Dist. Governor K. Vijayakumar.

DISTRICT 3230



Inauguration of group handwashing station installed by Rotary Club of Madras Coromandel in Government School as a part of its project to provide 84 selected schools with 200 SS Steel hand wash stations.

DISTRICT 3240



WinS project including group handwashing station, safe drinking water and repairing of toilet block by Rotary Club of Katwa at Bhatigacha Santal Par F. P. School in Burdwan District, West Bengal.

DISTRICT 3261



Construction of toilet block and group handwashing station by Rotary Club of Rourkela Royal at Vidyt School Rourkela.

DISTRICT 3291



Inauguration of toilet block at Swaika Girls High School in Liluah Howrah, West Bengal by District Governor Shyamashree Sen constructed by Rotary Club of Belur.



BREAKOUT SESSION ON WASH IN SCHOOLS AT ATLANTA ROTARY CONVENTION 2017



A Breakout Session on “Creating Quality Education Programs through WASH in Schools” was held on 14th June 2017, the last day of the 2017 Atlanta Rotary Convention. The session was ably moderated by Mary Jo Jean-Francois, Area of Focus Manager – Basic Education Literacy, TRF & Co-manager WASH in Schools Target Challenge. The panelists included PDG Ramesh Aggarwal from Rotary District 3012, New Delhi India, District Governor (2017-18) Julio Grazioso from Rotary District 4250, Guatemala and District Governor (2018-19) Jeffery Bamford from Rotary District 9212, Kenya.



There was an unprecedented turnout of more than 200 participants at the session especially considering that it was on the last day of the convention. Rotary WASH in Schools Global Chair & TRF Trustee Sushil Gupta in his opening remarks said that The Rotary Foundation has invested \$15 million on over 200 WASH in Schools projects in 48 different countries. The Target Challenge aims to take forward this momentum and encourage Rotarians to take their energy and projects to the next level. He said “We are now a year and a half into the pilot program and we’ve already seen so much energy unfold. Rotary clubs in India are engaged in over 15000 schools for WinS. Rotary in India is also working alongside the Government of India to help extend WASH in Schools to 500 government schools under the National Mission for Clean Ganga, Govt. of India. District 9212 in Kenya, one of the five pilot countries, will be taking on WASH in Schools as a district-wide initiative. District 4250, made up of Belize, Guatemala, and Honduras, have taken major steps to collaborate with various government bodies and private institutions”

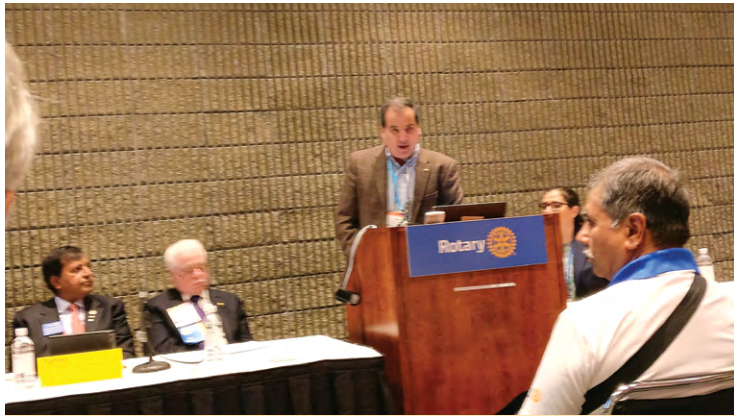
Talking about the objectives of the session, he said that the session would help us to learn more about what the Target Challenge entails. He said,

“This will be an excellent opportunity to hear from the representatives of the pilot countries, learning how WASH in Schools makes a difference in their community and find out how Rotarians can get involved, no matter irrespective of whether they are from pilot or non-pilot countries.”

Mary Jo moderating the session said that the Target Challenge was created as a result of a recommendation to the Rotary Trustees to see the impact Rotarians can make through one program in two areas of focus: Water Sanitation and Hygiene and Basic Education & Literacy. A great amount of attention in this program is put on behavior change and working with school parents and staff to build their capacity and their understanding of sanitation and hygiene. She mentioned that the pilot is an exciting opportunity for Rotarians throughout the world. She shared the Three Star approach of the Target Challenge and said that each of the star levels build off of one another. Beginning with the first star, Rotarians really work to set up the foundation for the work that is to come. This includes infrastructure and education elements, planning for things such as operation and maintenance tasks, making a school menstrual hygiene friendly, and long-term costs. These elements do not stop at the first star. It is important to remember that these are continuous activities, all components of the 1st star will be implemented in one way or another as star 2, star 3 are implemented.

DGN Jeffery Bamford from District 9212, talking about WinS in Kenya said that there is a situation in Kenya where most schools don’t have the necessary facilities. The country has recently adopted free schooling for primary schools but there is inadequate funding from the government for water and sanitation facilities. Water shortage is a big problem particularly in rural areas. In many areas children consume water that is not tested and often result in causing water borne diseases among children.





He called for partnerships and help from other regions of the world to improve the situation in Kenya where there are huge WinS challenges.

DGE Julio Grazioso from Rotary District 4250, Guatemala said that WinS is very important to Guatemala because it is aimed at improving the lives of children. Another reason for the importance of this program is because in district 4250, the people have grown used to not having adequate bathrooms or often without water. Educating children in hygiene will get the next generations to incorporate these into their usual way of doing things.

He mentioned that in Guatemala there are 34,250 elementary public schools; only one third have "acceptable" sanitary facilities, but we do not know for sure how many of them have water.

School dropout in Guatemala is mainly caused by various reasons: one of the most important reasons is poverty and consequently leads to a vicious cycle; Less education, fewer opportunities, more poverty, more desertion. In the case of girls, harassment and lack of privacy in the toilets is a cause of desertion and reaching puberty means in many cases dropping school. The WinS program is a good tool to reduce school dropout and break this vicious cycle and also to achieve gender equity by giving equal opportunities to boys and girls. He hoped that this program will pave the way to make alliances with other organizations like municipal government authorities, international companies etc.



PDG Ramesh Aggarwal said that in India there are 1.45 million government schools and 130 million children go to these schools every day to learn, play, eat and grow as they spend considerable amount of time of the day in their school. But many of these schools are deprived of basic WASH facilities leading to various types of water borne diseases and diarrhea morbidity among children. In India, over 1000 children die every day because of poor WASH facilities. Sharing some compelling statistics arising out of the lack of basic WASH facilities he said that in India there are 61 million stunted children who comprise of 1/3rd of world's stunted



children. Around 600 million people defecate in the open today in India which amounts for 60% of the world's total defecation. Today over 6 million children are out of school in India. 1.4 million children die every day in India that includes 22% under the age of five deaths. 20% of world's maternal deaths also take place in India. Taking all the challenges into account, the government of India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a national mission - Clean India- Clean School to ensure that every school in India has a basic set of water, sanitation and hygiene services and Prime Minister Narendra Modi also made a passionate appeal to the corporates and NGOs to support this noble cause. Responding to his appeal, Rotary clubs in India are supporting this initiative through the Target Challenge Pilot. He mentioned that although a lot of projects are being implemented under WinS but many of these projects may not qualify under the pilot as they don't fulfil the criteria laid down in the pilot.

PDG Ramesh talking about the impact of WinS in a government school in Gejha village in the state of Uttar Pradesh in India where his home Rotary club - Delhi Ashoka is implementing a WinS project, said that it has been observed that the enrollment in the school has gone up to 38% and attendance has increased to 90% from 60% . The dropout rate has decreased to <5% from 30%.

He said "We are establishing Bal Sansad (child cabinet) in every school to give leadership role to the children, and one of their responsibilities is to ensure that the water and sanitation facilities we set up, including group handwashing stations, are maintained properly and they usher in a behavioral change."

Mary Jo shared that there are several resources available to Rotarians who are interested in pursuing a WinS project and these can be found on the web page at www.rotary.org/WINS. She said that they also have available a competitive grant to help support clubs in the five pilot countries.



Details of Global Grants approved during the Rotary Year 2016-17 for WASH in Schools Projects in India and under implementation

S.No	Grant ID	Project Description	Host Project Club	Host District	Int. Partner Club	Int. Partner District	Grant Amount (USD)
1	GG1639615	To provide toilets and handwashing stations, along with hygiene and sanitation training for 33 schools in D-3110, India		3110		5840	1,50,000
2	GG1641315	To provide maintenance/hygiene training and install RO water purification systems in 36 schools in district 3230, India	Chennai Galaxy	3232	Geleen	1550	1,34,500
3	GG1639062	To provide hand washing facilities and hygiene training to 114 schools in RID 3201, India		3201		3650	1,20,000
4	GG1755188	To provide hygiene training, hand washing stations, MHM and gender separated toilets to 12 schools in RID 3230, India	Madras Coromandel	3232	Cataraqui-Kingston	7040	1,20,000
5	GG1640258	To provide WASH infrastructure and hygiene education training in Kolhapur, India.	Kolhapur City	3170		5230	1,10,221
6	GG1636390	To support the water and sanitation and education needs at 11 schools in Delhi, Noida, & Sonapat, India.	Delhi Ashoka	3012	Box Hill Central	9810	1,08,209
7	GG1747877	To provide sanitation blocks at 6 schools, reverse osmosis water purifiers at 76 schools, and training on water, sanitation, and hygiene at all 82 beneficiary schools in Pondicherry & Tamil Nadu		2981		9570	99,295
8	GG1640181	To provide toilet facilities and hygiene training to 10 schools in Coimbatore District, India	Coimbatore	3201	San Diego Downtown Breakfast	5340	99,085
9	GG1745866	To provide training, safe drinking water, hand washing facilities and toilet facilities to 66 schools in RID 3262, India	Bhubaneswar Metro	3262		7390	99,000
10	GG1753784	To provide sanitation blocks at 11 schools, incinerators at 36 schools, and hygiene training at all 47 beneficiary schools in Tamil Nadu (India)		2981		9820	98,162
11	GG1640393	To provide toilet blocks, hand washing facilities and school equipment along with hygiene training for 14 schools in D-3080, India	Dehra Dun	3080	Pohang-Dowon	3630	95,000
12	GG1746213	To provide clean drinking water, latrines and hygiene training to 15 rural schools in Pune, India.	Poona	3131	Dharan Ghopa	3292	94,645
13	GG1745456	To provide ater filtration and hygiene and sanitation training to 80 schools in D-3090 in and around Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan, India		3090		9650	88,971
14	GG1641593	To provide toilet repair, sanitary napkin incinerators, and hand washing stations along with hygiene and menstrual hygiene management training for 20 schools in Chandigarh, India	Chandigarh	3080		3650	82,170
15	GG1747719	To provide toilets for 13 schools in Haryana, India	Delhi South Metropolitan	3011	Namchangwon	3722	80,000
16	GG1638282	To provide school benches, water filters, toilets, hygiene education and teacher training to schools in Hubli, India.	Hubli South	3170		9141	79,472
17	GG1745223	To provide incinerators for female toilets along with education and hygiene training for 178 schools and businesses in Pune, India	Pune Inspira	3131	Cardiff Bay	1150	75,464
18	GG1746119	To provide toilets, handwashing stations, water filters, computer equipment and teacher hygiene training to 31 schools in RID 3201, India		3201		5495	70,086
19	GG1747342	To refurbish latrines, provide water filtration and hygiene education training in Bangalore, India.		3190	Saratoga	5170	70,000
20	GG1746483	To provide 272 toilets along with hygiene and sanitation training to residents in 10 villages in D-3131, India	Pimpri	3131	Durham	7710	65,250
21	GG1637921	To provide toilets, handwashing stations, and hygiene training for 10 schools throughout Andhra Pradesh, India	Bangalore West	3190	Minneapolis	5950	64,000
22	GG1744072	To provide equipment and training for the sanitation and education needs of nine schools in Aravali, Gurugram, Haryana, India.	Delhi Imperial	3012		7120	59,251
23	GG1640843	To provide sanitation facilities and hygiene training at four schools and a computer lab with teacher training at one school in Karkala (India)	Karkala	3182	Johnstown	7330	59,000
24	GG1745893	To provide training, safe drinking water, hand washing facilities and toilet facilities to schools in RID 3262, India		3262		6650	52,310
25	GG1744434	To provide RO plants and hygiene education training to 6 schools and 8 villages in Dhule, India.		3060	Ancona Conero	2090	51,342
26	GG1755525	To provide water and sanitation and educational support to 6 schools in Haryana, India with the support of CSR-Zeco Aircon Ltd	E-Club of Magnum	3012	Valle de Anáhuac	4170	50,400
27	GG1747031	To provide 8 RO water treatments plants to 2 villages and 6 schools in Gandevi County, India.	Gandevi	3060	Chagrin Highlands	6630	50,126
28	GG1639775	To provide training, safe drinking water, hand washing facilities and toilet facilities to schools in the district of Ganjam, India		3262	Tripureswor	3292	45,000
29	GG1747104	To provide solar water pumps and hygiene education training to 7 villages in Maharashtra.	Poona North	3131	E-Club of Taiwan	3501	43,107
30	GG1640213	To provide support to the Dapcheri School in Palghar District, India	Mumbai West Coast	3141	Saint Petersburg Sunset	6950	42,415
31	GG1526788	To provide toilet/water facilities and hygiene training to teachers and students at 10 schools in West Bengal, India	Belur	3291	Biratnagar	3292	40,363
32	GG1640091	To provide latrines, hygiene education training and menstrual hygiene management training to two schools in Dharwad, India.	Dharwad Central	3170	Gold Coast, Lake Success	7255	39,072
33	GG1751202	To provide toilets, incinerators, and hygiene training at 6 schools in Tamil Nadu, India	Tiruchengode	2982	Corning	7120	38,836
34	GG1757204	To provide clean water to 25 schools in Maharashtra, India	Mumbai Divas	3141	Butwal	3292	35,500
35	GG1744862	To provide training and toilet facilities to Ramasheshiyer Higher Secondary School in Pattamadai Village, India	Tinnevelly	3212	La Crosse-Valley View	6250	33,146
36	GG1640217	To provide water filtration along with hygiene trainings for 25 schools in Bangalore district, India	Bangalore South	3190	Granada Hills	5280	31,500
37	GG1745650	To provide group hand washing stations and hygiene training to schools in Rotary district 3182, India		3182	Central Chester County	7450	30,931
38	GG1638736	To provide 57 RO plants to 51 schools in Bhuj, India along with hygiene and maintenance training		3054		6800	30,000

Total value of Global Grants under WASH in Schools in USD 27,35,829

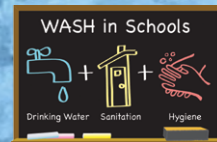


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स्वच्छता पखवाड़ा Swachhata Pakhwada

(1-15 September, 2017)



Rotary India WASH in Schools

Rotary India WASH in Schools Committee has joined hands with the Government of India (Ministries of Drinking Water and Sanitation, and Human Resource Development) which are organizing Swachhata Pakhwada across India on September 1-15, 2017 to promote Swachhata (cleanliness) in schools and engage young minds. As per the action plan prepared by the MHRD, GoI, there is going to be a daily theme with focused activities.

The HRD Ministry has also decided to organize national level essay writing and painting competitions in every school across India on 5th September 2017, the Swachhata Participation Day, also coinciding with Teacher's Day. The Painting Competition shall be for students from I to V on the theme "मेरे सपनों का स्वच्छ भारत" (Clean India of my Dreams). The Essay Writing Competition shall be in two categories, Class VI to Class VIII, and Class IX to Class XII, on the theme "मैं स्वच्छ भारत के लिए क्या करूँगा-करूँगी" (What will I do to make India Clean). Submissions in the competitions will cascade up from the school to the district level, from the district to the state level and the state to the national level. The best three entries each in Essay and Painting Competitions shall be recognized with an award and cash prize at the national level on 2nd October, 2017.

Each Rotary District is requested to support the Swachhata Pakhwada in a big way by organizing activities as per the day wise calendar attached herein. It is requested that each District reach out to at least 500 schools and organize activities. As these activities do not involve considerable financial resources, every club in each district can reach out to as many as 10 schools over the 15 days. The clubs are encouraged to organize different activities in different schools on different days for maximum outreach. Clubs are requested to upload photos, video, films, etc. of the activities on the MHRD website. The link for the same shall be shared with the districts shortly. Clubs / districts may also post their activities on a Facebook page being created solely for this event. Districts are also requested to share a report of the activities undertaken by their clubs with the name of schools, their UDISE Codes and locations – village, district and state to the National WinS Committee by no later than 20th September, 2017.

Clubs, schools and students participating in the initiative shall be recognised through appreciation certificates. The template for the same is being

developed by the National WinS Committee and will be shared with the districts shortly.

District Governor in every district will reach out to District WinS Team: District WinS Coordinators, District Zonal Coordinators, Club WinS Coordinators, Assistant Governors, Club Presidents and Secretaries, and form a task force. Organize visits to schools in your regions to mobilize them and to prepare for participation in Swachhata Pakhwada.

It is a great opportunity to work directly with the Government, both at the State and National levels, by participating in the Swachhata Pakhwada. This not only promotes behavioral change and good hygiene habits, but will also lead to the success of the WASH in Schools Target Challenge, aligned with the Swachh Bharat Swachh Vidyalaya program.

Daywise Calendar of Events for Swachhata Pakhwada

1.9.2017 (Friday) Swachhata Shapath Day

- Swachhata awareness message to be posted on the website of the Department/Organisations/Schools. Swachhata Shapath function may be organised on very first day of the Pakhwada i.e. 1st September, 2017, wherein all students and teachers/ staff may participate.
- Class exercise, where every child will promise to take up one activity for personal/school/community/home cleanliness.

2.9.2017 (Saturday) Swachhata Awareness Day

- Holding meeting of SMCs/PTAs or between parents and teachers to highlight the importance of cleanliness and sanitation among children and teachers; and to encourage and inspire them to continue with the good practices for hygiene and sanitation in school as well as home.
- Children to speak about swachhata in morning assembly.
- Class Quiz on Swachhata.

3.9.2017 (Sunday) Cleanliness Maintenance and Planning Day

- Teachers to inspect sanitary facilities in each and every corner of school/institution and make proposal/plan for upkeep of the facilities.
- Drive to clean schools/ institute on large scale with the help of students/teachers/staff

including cleaning of toilets, MDM kitchen, classrooms, fans, windows, bushes in the campus and surrounding area.

4.9.2017 (Monday) Green School Drive

- Every school must try and arrange for large dustbins, through sponsorship, if required. dustbin with blue and green-color must be used for recycled/unrecyclable waste respectively in view of making children learning about classification of wastes.
- Planting of trees around school premises utilize waste water for gardening.

5.9.2017 (Tuesday) Swachhata Participation Day

- Competitions can be held in districts/blocks/clusters for clean and well maintained premises and toilets in schools.
- Essay/Quiz competition for students on cleanliness and Hygiene practices in schools.
- Painting competition for students, teachers and parents.
- Debates, skit and poem on Swachhata.

6.9.2017 (Wednesday) Nail Cleanliness Day

- Students will learn proper way of cutting and keeping nails clean.
- Weeding out/recordings of the old files, records as per procedure.
- Removal of waster material like broken furniture, unusable equipment, defunct vehicles etc. from the premises of schools/institutions.

7.9.2017 (Thursday) Hand Wash Day

- Children should be taught proper method of hand washing before eating.
- Teachers and students in association with local representative should propagate the theme of the Pakhwada among citizen in nearby areas.

8.9.2017 (Friday) Personal Hygiene Day

- Audio visual programme to be undertaken to motivate students/employees and other for maintaining cleanliness.
- Learning impact on Health from hygiene practices.
- Supplementary Book material on Hygiene.

9.9.2017 (Saturday) Toilet Awareness Day

- Students will be taught the hygienic manner of using toilets.



Swachhata Pakhwada (1-15 September, 2017)

- Schools may include Swachhata in the agenda of the meeting of their School Management Committees, which may be organized during the period.
- Check wastage of water and water from Handwashing unit to be channeled in gardens.

10.9.2017 (Sunday) Community Awareness Day

- Community participation for the Swachhata Abhiyan in school/institutions and teachers may also be involved in undertaking cleanliness and awareness drives in nearby areas.
- Sloganeering with School March.

11.9.2017 (Monday) Swachhata School Exhibition Day

- Photographs, paintings, cartoons, slogans etc. on Swachhata activities may be displayed on schools. Parents and community members may be invited to attend the exhibition.
- Electronic banners may be created and uploaded on the departmental/ state web portals to highlight the observance of the Pakhwada. Publicity and awareness through use of social media, electronic and print media.
- State may document some of these exhibitions.
- Making artefacts using local recycled-raw material for storage of waste i.e., artistic dustbins using local skills promoting their culture.

12.9.2017 (Tuesday) Swachhata Water Day

- Checking of water storage/checking of portability Day.
- Community participation for the Swachhata Abhiyan in schools/ institutions
- Children to be taught about storage and portability checking. Actual checking to be done.
- Learning of organic/ inorganic waste in water in order to avoid intake of unsafe water.
- Cleaning of water through natural means i.e., natural sand filters, alum etc.
- Awareness on water-borne diseases to promote safe drinking water.

13.9.2017 (Wednesday) Water Harvesting Day

- Create and provide the Information, Education and Communication (IEC) material to students.
- Teacher and students to plan and implement simple water harvesting structures in school.

14.9.2017 (Thursday) Letter Writing Day

- Children to write letters to Sarpanch, SMC members for maintenance of school Toilets and Schools.
- Children to write to their parents regarding what they have learnt in the past few days and what they want their parents to do. Some of these letters should be documented by each state and sent to MHRD.
- The District Collectors to hold meeting of the

District Level Committee chaired by the local Hon'ble Member of Parliament, to further propagate the message of the Pakhwada across the society.

15.9.2017 (Friday) Meeting the Government Day

- State Education Minister/ Secretaries/ District Collectors/ District Education Officers/ School Inspectors etc. to address the State school children.
- A "Slam Book" of School with experiences during this cleanliness journey with photographs, message from children. To ensure participation of all children, one page per child may be allotted to fill their "Swachh Moments".
- All Schools/educational institutions may sum up their activities and work undertaken during the Pakhwada and select best activity for forwarding to district/ state authority for uploading on the website i.e. in public domain.

PDG Ramesh Aggarwal Elected to WASRAG Board



PDG Ramesh Aggarwal (District 3012, India), Member Secretary, Rotary India WASH in Schools Committee and Member of Rotary International WASH in Schools Committee, has been elected to the Board of WASRAG (Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group) as the Director for a tenure of three years beginning 1st July 2017. The WASRAG is one of the most active Rotary Action Groups and is being currently led by Past Rotary International President Bill Boyd (District 9920, New Zealand) as its Chair. Other members of the Board are: Mark Balla (District 9810, Australia), Michael Barrington (District 5160, USA), Peter Kyle (District 7620, USA), Monica Louie (District 1630, Luxembourg), Chris Mutalya (District 9211, Uganda), Bharat Pandya (District 3140, India) and Mike Webb (District 1200, UK)

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The major goals of WASRAG are :

- Access and connect with experts in WASH.
- Provide technical guides for all stages of WASH projects including program life cycle.
- Seek funding outside the Rotary domain to complement internal resources.
- Facilitate connections with other organizations sharing Rotary goals.
- Alert Rotarians to the availability of expertise and financial resources.
- Identify and share Rotary and other resources available to Rotarians.
- Assist and enable clubs to seek support from other clubs, from TRF and beyond Rotary.
- Ensure clubs learn the needs of other clubs.
- Maintain and build a collaborative working relationship with RI and TRF.
- Implement appropriate processes to monitor and evaluate the impact, efficacy and sustainability of Rotary projects and programs.
- Facilitate the exchange of ideas and information.

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